

GERMAN LOSS AT VERDUN 200,000

One-third of Attacking Trenches Wiped Out by Fire, French Assert.

PARIS, April 8.—The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public here Friday from a semi-official source. "The result of a careful inquiry made in the highest quarters in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

"Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authentic permit the giving precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans and by us on the Verdun front," says the semi-official communication given the Associated Press.

"During the period from Feb. 21, when the battle began, to April 1, it is known that two army corps, namely the third and the 18th, have been withdrawn from the front, having lost in their first attacks at least one-third of their force. They have reappeared since and have again suffered like losses."

Reinforcements Fall.
The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line. The total effective of the 18th corps have in this way lost 17,000 men and the third corps has lost 22,000 men.

"Concerning the 121st division which took possession of North Vaux about March 12, we have precise information. More than one-half of the seventh regiment of its reserves was put out of action by our machine guns in the ineffectual attack against the slopes of the fort. The 50th regiment met similar losses, of which the total reached 60 per cent of the regiment's effectiveness."

"The 19th German infantry had already suffered similar losses in attacking the village of Vaux on March 9. Its 13th company was surprised and annihilated. In entering the village houses, its first battalion was reduced 80 per cent."

"Summarizing, during the 46 days from Feb. 21 to April 1, the Germans had on the Verdun front from Avocourt to Epargney exactly 229 battalions of infantry, representing a minimum of 1,075 companies of engineers of three companies each, which give an aggregate of 1,144 companies fully reinforced, the companies varying from 250 to 250 men. The assaulting army, therefore, represented at least 295,000 infantry alone."

"Since Feb. 21 the reinforcements have been frequent and heavy. At least 80 battalions have been sent to the rear to be reconstituted. Others have received their reinforcements on the field. It is, therefore, nearly 450,000 infantry which have appeared upon the firing line, and this estimate is even under the mark."

"Declarations gathered from prisoners and our own observations lead us to estimate at least one-third of the total force engaged as the minimum losses of the German infantry up to April 1. It is, therefore, 150,000 men who have fallen solely upon the first battle line."

"But the German losses do not stop there. In a modern battle, long range guns reach far behind the first line, striking lines of communications and the quarters of troops. As the range of the artillery lengthens, the zone of destruction behind the battle line increases proportionately. The German artillery, literally piled up in the woods, suffered losses comparable with those of the infantry. Finally our heavy artillery reached supply camps and innumerable convoys in the rear."

"We arrive thus, keeping within

Hope Passage Of Bill Will Come at Once

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Administration leaders in congress are hopeful that the army increase bill, first of the three great national defense measures, will enter its final stage next week before the joint conference committee. Indications Friday night were that the only remaining section likely to cause prolonged debate in the senate was the one fixing the peace strength of the regular army.

The senate voted on only one amendment to the bill Friday, adopting without roll call the proposal of Sen. Smith of Georgia that enlisted men in the regular army hereafter be given opportunity for 15 hours of vocational education a month during their active service in peace times. Civilian instructors to aid the army officers in this work were authorized by the amendment, which specifies that the training shall be in agricultural or the mechanic arts.

Debate on various proposals for the erection of a government plant for the fixation of atmospheric nitrogen occupied the remainder of the day. The pending amendment was that of Sen. Smith of South Carolina to appropriate \$15,000,000 for a plant, site and process to be determined by the war department. The surplus capacity over the government's needs in peace times, under the proposal, would go into the manufacture of fertilizer to be sold by the government through the secretary of agriculture.

A most moderate estimate, at a war of 200,000 men as the figures of our enemy's losses before Verdun."

NEWS of SURROUNDING TOWNS

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Knight of South Bend, former residents of this village, visited friends here Thursday.

C. W. Rockey and T. C. Benton were business visitors in South Bend Wednesday.

Dorris Mars of Buchanan is spending vacation week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tallman.

Kalpatrick post, G. A. R., held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. M. F. Hinckley and family of Hartford have moved into the Kistner house on Cass st., which they recently purchased. Mr. Hinckley is the owner of the new factory here making fruit packages.

Walter L. Storick was a business visitor in St. Joseph Wednesday. The June band met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. A. O. Spaulding in the country.

Mrs. Frances Waldron with her children of South Bend is visiting her mother, Mrs. Belle Deo.

Mrs. Olin Skinner entertained a number of friends at dinner Wednesday at her home in the country. Her guests were Mesdames Fred Harrington, William Storick, Walter Storick and little daughter Ethel, and Miss Cora Parkhurst. Mr. Skinner and family are living on the Barnhart farm on the Buchanan road, which they recently purchased, and are much pleased with their new home.

Miss Iva Granger has returned to her studies at the M. A. C. in Lansing, after spending vacation week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Granger.

Despite the cold weather, the early spring flowers are appearing. The crocus is in full bloom in Rev. J. A. Burkett's yard on Main st.

Mrs. Clyde Burdick of Benton Harbor has been visiting at the home

of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver. Grosvener Tarbell of St. Joseph, formerly of our village, has purchased the L. P. Wilcox property in Fairplain—five acres and a modern bungalow. The land is fruited with choice cherries, pears, grapes and plums.

Rev. L. D. Pettit and family have moved to Milford, Mich., where Mr. Pettit has charge of the Baptist church. Mr. Pettit and family have made many friends during their stay here, who regret to see them go.

At the regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. at the M. E. church Thursday afternoon the officers were re-elected: "President, Anna Perkins; secretary, Mrs. Loy Skinner; treasurer, Mrs. F. J. Hadlock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fifield have returned to their home in Chicago after a few days' visit at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. Albert McOmber.

The Aid society of the U. E. church held an all day meeting in the church parlors Friday. Fred Cunningham has returned from a few days' visit with home people in Martinsville, Ind.

Mrs. E. K. Pike has returned from a three weeks' visit with her son, A. D. Taylor in Fountain, Mich.

WYATT, IND.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Shenefield of South Bend are spending the week's vacation with home folks here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Felton and Mrs. Mary Rooder attended the funeral of Emma Hensler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hensler, Wednesday afternoon at South Bend.

Dr. Kuhn made a business trip to South Bend Wednesday. David Kemper and Miss Kemper of Canton, Ohio, spent several days at the home of Amos Bendit this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Shearer of Mishawaka are spending a few days this week here with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Wilkins returned home Tuesday from Noblesville, where they had been called to see Mr. Wilkins' mother who is at the point of death.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the home of N. L. Laver Thursday. Miss Clara Duranek, who has been visiting friends here the past week, returned to her home in South Bend Wednesday.

CHAIN LAKES VIEW.

Mrs. Susan Stroup, Mrs. Lucy Bromley and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smooske. Leo and Mary Anderson of South Bend were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mahar.

Mrs. Myrtle Holland entertained the Friendship circle Wednesday. Mrs. John Kern of near Buchanan is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stroup spent Sunday evening with P. E. Stroup and family in Crumstown.

Evelyn Parker of Mishawaka is spending the week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. B. Milliken.

Ed Gouchenour has moved his family from this vicinity to Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Davenport were in South Bend Monday. Lewis Pippin, who has been ill for some time, is not much improved.

Mrs. Stroms of near Hamilton called on Mrs. A. L. Bromley Wednesday evening.

NILES, MICH.

The home of Mrs. Charles Ager, 1883 E. Main st., was entered and thoroughly ransacked. Every drawer of dressers, bureau, etc., had been taken out, ransacked and left in confusion. Mrs. Ager is at present in St. Petersburg, Fla., and what may have been taken will not be known until she returns.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Renner of the Evangelical church were given a farewell reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Weiser. The guests presented Mr. and Mrs. Renner with a complete set of dishes.

The Kalamazoo College Glee club gave a concert at the First Baptist church in this city this evening.

Mrs. Hugh Dean has returned from a visit with her daughter, Mrs. John Seagraves, of Middletown, O.

Mrs. S. Orlander has returned from a visit in Detroit with her son. Thomas Horan is quite ill and a trained nurse is in attendance.

Mrs. Eugene Cook of Kalamazoo is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Parkin.

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SUPPRESSING RELIGION.

International News Service: LONDON, April 8.—The war office announced that archives captured by Gen. Smuts in his East African campaign show that the Germans were trying to suppress the Mohammedan religion in their African colonies before the war broke out.

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Woman Tells of Outrages Which Villa and Bandits Committed

DOUGLAS, Ariz., April 8.—An account of Francisco Villa's attack upon San Buenaventura and the adjoining town of El Valle on March 14 was given here Friday by Mrs. George Reed, wife of an American mining man and for 20 years a resident of that section of Chihuahua.

Her eldest son, who afterward accompanied Col. George A. Dodd's force on its dash to Guerrero, escaped Villa by fleeing, scantily clad, to adjacent mountains, where he hid for three days without food until informed by friends that Carranza troops had driven off the bandits.

First a squad of Villa soldiers and later Villa himself came into the Reed home, looting and wrecking it.

Villa cursed Mrs. Reed, she says, charging that her husband and son had a large store of food, arms and ammunition hidden in the house. This, she denied. Then as Villa insisted, she invited him to search the premises. Several soldiers were set to work with picks and crowbars digging in the garden and tearing up floors. Finding nothing, Villa sent several of his men after kerosene and was superintending the operation of spreading this through the house when the Carranza soldiers arrived and the Villa bandits fled.

Villa had 230 men, Mrs. Reed said, 15 of whom were wounded. Mrs. Reed added she saw several American cavalry horses among those ridden by Villa's men, presumably being some of those stolen during the raid on Columbus.

In San Buenaventura and El Valle Villa's men looted, and attacked women and little girls, carrying away 37 boys and five girls as captives, Mrs. Reed said. For 10 days Mrs. Reed and her children subsisted on gruel and beans, until Mr. Reed, who was in Douglas, Ariz., received news of her plight and brought her here from Casas Grandes.

George Reed, Jr., who has also returned to the border after his trip with Col. Dodd's men, declared that one of the most valued guides with the expedition is Jesus Andrijo, a Mexican youth captured at El Valle by Villa who later escaped and joined the American soldiers. Andrijo, Reed said, has sworn vengeance against the bandit, charging that he mistreated his cousin, Manuela Parra, one of the girl captives. The youth said that boy prisoners were told they must fight for Villa, but he managed to elude the guards and escaped on a horse.

In the first clash with American troops, Reed said, Villa, with but eight men, fled at the first sign of trouble, leaving his main force to their own resources. He declared that Villa was not wounded.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1916.

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In the first place the one doing the buying is certain of more attention, as well as more time for making her purchases. In the morning the salespeople are refreshed, wide awake and alert—the customer also is free from fatigue—and these conditions make purchasing much more favorable.

Morning shopping relieves the salesperson from the always busy afternoon hours—it eases her duties, rather than heaps them all at one time. Morning shopping also leaves your afternoon free to yourself.

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South Bend Markets

POULTRY AND MEATS.
(Corrected Daily by Jimmie's Market, 123 W. Jefferson Blvd.)

POULTRY—Paying, 25c; selling, 25c. VEAL—Paying, 14c; selling, 14c. BEEF—Roast, 25c; selling, 12c. BUTTER—25c. LARD—Selling, 15c.

SEEDS.

(Corrected Daily by Warner Bros. Seed Store, 111 E. Wayne St.)
TIMOTHY—\$3.50 per bu. RYE—\$3.00 per bu. WHITE CLOVER—\$3.00 per bu. ALFALFA—\$1.00 per bu. SWEET CLOVER—\$1.00 per bu. SOY BEANS—\$1.00 per bu. BUTTERBEANS—\$1.00 per bu. VETCH—\$1.00 per bu. FIELD PEAS—\$1.00 per bu. MILLIETT—\$1.00 per bu.

HAY, STRAW AND FEED.

(Corrected Daily by the Wesley Miller Flour and Feed Co., 420 S. Michigan St.)
HAY—Paying \$12.00 to \$15.00; selling \$15.00 to \$18.00. STRAW—Paying \$7.00; selling \$9.00 per ton or 20 per bale. OATS—Paying 40c per bu.; selling 50c per bu. CLOVER SEED—Paying \$9.00 to \$11.00; selling \$11.00 to \$13.00 per bu. TIMOTHY SEED—Paying \$3.00; selling \$4.00 per bu. ALFALFA SEED (Montana grown)—Selling \$1.00 per bu. SEED CORN—Selling \$2.50 per bu. SEED OATS—Selling \$2.00 per bu. SOY BEANS—Selling \$2.00 per bu. SCRATCH FEED—Selling \$1.00 per cwt. CHICK FEED—Selling \$2.00 per cwt.

GRAIN AND FEED.

(Corrected Daily by F. W. Starr, Starr Mills, Hydraulic Ave.)
WHEAT—Paying \$1.10 per bu. OATS—Paying 45c; selling 55c per bu. CORN—Paying 35c; selling 45c per bu. RYE—Paying 50c per bu. BROWN—Selling \$1.20 per cwt. CHOICEST FEED—Selling \$1.50 per cwt. GLUTEN—Selling \$1.50 per cwt. SCRATCH FEED—Selling \$2.50 per cwt. CHICK FEED—Selling \$2.25 per cwt.

LIVE STOCK.

(Corrected Daily by Major Bros., 8 Logan St., Mishawaka.)
HEAVY FAT STEERS—Fair to good, 10 to 12c; prime, 12c to 14c. HOGS—100 lbs. to 125 lbs., 10c to 12c. PIGS—100 lbs. to 125 lbs., 10c to 12c. LAMBS—Live, 8c to 10c; dressed, 15c to 18c.

PROVISIONS.

(Corrected Daily by F. W. Mueller, 218 E. Jefferson Blvd.)
FRUIT—Oranges, per case, \$2.75; selling at 25c per box. Lemons, per case, \$3.75; selling at 30c per box. Raisins, 2 1/2c per lb., selling at 10c to 25c per doz. Apples, 25c per doz. VEGETABLES—Old cabbage, paying 10c; selling 2c per lb. Potatoes, paying 7c; selling at 10c. BUTTER AND EGGS—Country Butter, paying 25c to 30c; selling at 25c to 30c. Creamery Butter, paying 30c; selling at 30c. Eggs, strictly fresh, paying 20c; selling at 25c.

TALLOW AND HIDES.

(Corrected Daily by S. W. Lippman, 210 N. Main St.)
TALLOW—Rough, 2c to 3c; rendered, No. 1, 4c to 5c; No. 2, 2c to 4c. WOOL—20c to 25c per lb. HIDES—Cows, No. 1, 10c to 14c; calf skin, 10c to 15c.

LONGBOAT PROMOTED.

International News Service: MONTREAL, April 8.—Tom Longboat, famous Indian marathon runner who recently enlisted in the 158th battalion, has been promoted to lance corporal.

Planet, Jr., garden tools. The Wesley Miller Flour & Feed Co. Adv't.